

Downtown Fire Station Bronze Murals Public Art Project Fact Sheet



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Photo: Craig Smith

Title: Downtown Fire Station Bronze Mural

Location: Set into the sidewalk on the south side of the fire station (east side of Ash Avenue, between University Drive and Fifth Street)

Artist: Gregg LeFevre

Completion: 2003

Medium: Bronze

Description: The mural is a series of bronze bands, which are set into the passageway sidewalk between the fire station and the parking structure. These bands contain collage images that represent the history and character of the fire department. LeFevre did extensive historical research on the fire department and the majority of the imagery is a reflection of this history.

Funding: This project was funded through city of Tempe Capital Improvement Project Percent for the Art funds.

Artist biography: Gregg LeFevre lives in New York. His commissioned works include public art for New York City, Miami, Chicago, Boston and a number of other American cities. He has received grants from the Brown Fund, the National Endowment for the Arts and is a recipient of the Coleman Award. LeFevre has also received an award for excellence from the Arts Commission of the City of New York.

Artist statement: I have created more than 50 site-specific public art works, which provide insight about the nature and character of particular places. I often illustrate in relief or with paving materials the traits that contribute to the unique personality of a place. The history of an area, its cultural and architectural landmarks, ethnic heritage, even its popular myths and local humor are rendered in relief or with color. My works can be found underfoot in all types of pedestrian spaces from plazas, parks, bike paths and trails to lobbies and arcades.